

# Health Reform Bill: What it Means to You



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# Senate Health Reform Bill

- Passed by a vote of 60-39
- Bill more than 2,700 pages
- 1,697 times where the Secretary is given the authority to create, determine, or define healthcare policy
- Costs approx. \$2.5 trillion over 10 years



# Senate Health Reform Bill

- \$500 Billion in new taxes
- Imposes new mandates on individuals and employers
- Cuts \$500 Billion from Medicare
- Estimated 1.6 Million jobs lost
- Unfunded mandates to states



# Cuts Medicare to Fund a New Government Program

Senate bill will cut approximately:

- \$120 billion from Medicare Advantage
- \$135 billion from hospitals
- \$40 billion from home health
- \$15 billion from nursing homes
- \$8 billion from hospices



# Imposes New Taxes

- 40% Insurance Plan Tax
- Insurance Tax
- Employer Tax
- Drug Tax
- Lab Tax
- Medical Device Tax
- Failure to Buy Insurance Tax
- Tanning Service Tax
- Increased Employee Medicare Tax



# Obama's Broken Promises

## Promise:

“... Nothing in this plan will require you or your employer to change the coverage or the doctor you have. Let me repeat this: nothing in our plan requires you to change what you have.”

## Fact:

Independent experts say that the Senate-passed bill will force millions of American families and seniors off their current coverage.



# Obama's Broken Promises

## Promise:

“Under the plan, if you like your current health insurance, nothing changes, except your costs will go down by as much as \$2,500 per year.”

## Fact:

Instead of lowering health insurance premiums, the Democrats' bill will cause some Americans to see premium increases. Experts say some may see their premiums increase by as much as 10-13% by 2016.



# Obama's Broken Promises

## Promise:

“But let me be perfectly clear, . . . If your family earns less than \$250,000 a year, you will not see your taxes increased a single dime. I repeat: not one single dime.”

## Fact:

Majority of new taxes will be paid by families making less than \$250,000 a year.



# Obama's Broken Promises

## Promise:

"[My plan] will slow the growth of health care costs for our families, our businesses, and our government."

## Fact:

According to Medicare Actuaries, national health care spending will go up by \$222 Billion with this bill.



# Obama's Broken Promises

Promise: "I'm going to have all the negotiations around a big table. What we will do is, we'll have the negotiations televised on C-SPAN, so that people can see who is making arguments on behalf of their constituents, and who are making arguments on behalf of the drug companies or the insurance companies. "

Fact: Every version of the healthcare bill has been written in secret with unfair 'sweetheart' deals to buy support from key lobbyists and Members. That includes the new version being written this month.



# Ensign Approach to Reduce Health Care Costs

- Reduce junk lawsuits against doctors
- Encourage individuals to adopt healthy behaviors
- Allow small businesses to pool resources to purchase health insurance for employees
- Allow for purchase of health insurance across state lines
- Provide greater transparency on cost and quality
- Expand HSAs to give consumers more control over their health care decisions